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1. JAN 20 PRESS DOVERAGE LIGHT ON PTS CASE. ALL PAPERS CARRY PARTIAL OR VERBATIM TEXT OF MPAA; HEADLINES MENTION AGREEMENT'S PROVISION FOR QUESTIONING PTS ON ACTIVITIES OF ROKG OFFICIALS. AFTERNOON PAPERS RUN UPI QUOTING MICHEL AS SAYING THAT QUESTIONING IS FIFTY PERCENT COMPLETED AND THAT HE "EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO RELEASE THE CONTENTS ON JANUARY 20 OR 21". (COMYSENT: MISQUOTE; MICHEL IS NOT HALF FINISHED AND HAS NO PLANS TO DIVULGE THE CONTENTS OF THE INTERROGATION.)

2. ALL PM PAPERS NOTE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE'S NEW $655,000 APPROPRIATION, OBSERVING DOURLY THAT $50,000 IS BUDGETED FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL.

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3. HOLBROOKE'S SPEECH TO JOURNALISTS ON KOREA WIDELY REPORTED. MOSTLY VERBATIM QUOTES, THOUGH HEADLINES DIFFER. TONG-A ILBO: "DIRECT LINK BETWEEN TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND LOBBYING"; SEMIOFFICIAL KYONGHYANG ILBO: "HOLBROOKE SAYS LINKING TROOP WITHDRAWAL TO LOBBYING IS IMPROPER". MOST PAPERS TAKE KYONGHYANG SLANT.

4. ROK AMBASSADOR KIM YOUNG SIK'S MEETINGS WITH HOLBROOKE AND REP O'NEILL WIDELY REPORTED. AMBASSADOR KIM IS EXPECTED HOME SOON (SHIN-A ILBO SAYS JANUARY 23) FOR CONSULTATIONS.

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